

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, November 18, 2019
Boone County Courthouse, Boone, Iowa

Members present: Marilyn Jordan, Jennifer Schieltz, Al Treloar, Greg Stotts
Employees present: Ex. Dir. Scheuermann, Ranger-Naturalist Katie Healy

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Treloar, 2nd by Stotts, Passed.

Motion to approve minutes of October 14, 2019 meeting by Stotts, 2nd by Treloar. Passed.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann reviewed financial information and bills for the month. Treloar moved and Stotts seconded a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$43,254.74 and REAP – Bait shop expenses totaling \$5,268.23. Passed.

Old business:

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann gave an update on the Iowa 4-H Clover Woods Camp. Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF) purchased the entire property. They close sometime in December and we should find out more at that point about how INHF plans to proceed.

New Business:

Katie Healy gave the quarterly naturalist update, for both the summer quarter and the current fall quarter. She told the board it was a busy summer and gave updates on her full day summer camps and other programs. Katie's summer naturalist intern (an ISU student) will be coming back next year. Currently in fall quarter, she has been doing lots of school programs. University of Iowa runs a camp for all of the 5th graders in Iowa City for 5 days called School of the Wild. Katie has been talking to their program director, who is interested in getting it started in Boone county.

2019 Don Williams clubhouse operator Quent Humphrey gave an operations recap. He said he is excited for next year. He discussed ways to bring up golf numbers on Mondays and Tuesdays with Monday and Tuesday specials. He would also like to do a music event attached to a tournament and perhaps bring back the Labor Day tournament. He tested out working with a marketing company towards the end of the season and it went very well. He would like the board's help to market and promote Boone County Conservation venues next season. He is also planning to be part of Catch Des Moines next year. He discussed perhaps needing to crack down on people bringing in outside alcohol and coolers.

As discussed at a previous meeting, Alliant Energy wants to use some of our land east of the city of Madrid along the High Trestle Trail for a staging area while they are doing work in Madrid. They provided a lease agreement. The board discussed having the county attorney look over the agreement before returning it to them signed. Schieltz made a motion to approve the agreement, pending approval by the county attorney. Treloar seconded and the motion passed.


Ex. Dir. Scheuermann presented an updated M.O. U. between the Boone County Conservation Board and the City of Boone for the E-26 Boat. The new agreement terminates the former M.O.U. and the Conservation Board agrees to assume full responsibility for the funding, construction, and maintenance of the boat ramp. Treloar moved and Schieltz seconded a motion to sign the new M.O.U. The motion passed by a vote of 3-1.

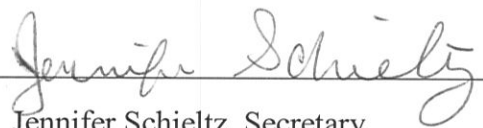
Iowa DOT is proposing to make improvements to IA 17 in Boone County. IDOT informed us that these Highway 17 improvements will have an impact on Dickcissel Park. Current maps show the anticipated impact to be on a very small portion of the Park along the road right of way. We manage the park, but the DNR owns the land, so they will have final say on anything affecting the land.

Alliant Energy and Ulteig are working to improve service reliability to QF lane. They want to run an underground utility line near the High Trestle Trail west of Madrid and will need to move equipment and do boring work near the trail. The board was concerned about impacts to the trail and discussed needing to lay out plans and rules with them about not blocking traffic and not having any equipment on the trail. We also discussed needing to draft a legal agreement for them to sign stating that if any damage to the trail is caused by the their actions, now or in the future, they are liable for the repair costs.

Open Discussion: Scheuermann discussed Prairie Rivers RC&D. He also gave an update on the Carlson property on Violet Lane, who has complained about water drainage on his property. The REAP assembly is coming up on December 5, 6:30-8pm at Raccoon River Park in West Des Moines. Boone Trails Committee update: There will be a meeting on December 12 in Madrid with neighbors in the area of the proposed bike trail alignment from the High Trestle Trail to Swede Pointe Park.

Treloar moved and Schieltz seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Passed.


Marilyn Jordan, Chair


Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary